



Depot Town Rag



1985
NOVEMBER MEETINGS
Foundation, Thur. Nov. 7th, 8:00
Association, Thur. Nov. 21st, 7:30
in the Old Caboose
Window Judging, Nov. 30

A PUBLICATION OF THE DEPOT TOWN ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Caboose, 400 Market Place, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198

CHANGE OF HEART – OR CHANGE OF LIFE ?

Cantor Rages, Then Raves Over Depot Town

What is it with Detroit's George Cantor and why can't he make up his mind about our neighborhood? When he wrote about us a few years ago in the DETROIT NEWS, he complained about our location, our restaurants and the "poor lighting in the Depot." (We suspect that Cantor was talking about the Farmers' Market which is in the Freight House. If he was looking for some action in the Depot, it was very dark, indeed.) Just about the only thing he liked in Ypsilanti was the historic water tower.

Now, Cantor writes as a stringer for MICHIGAN LIVING in AAA's fall issue and he has nothing but good things to say about Our Town. Such a complete reversal does not lead Depot Towners to conclude that we've cleaned up our act that much between publications, but we're happy to see the improvement in his writing. We're not from the big city, but we suspect that Cantor is either double-dipping or he was faking one of the articles. Now it's up to us to decide: which might have been the bogus article?

Rest assured; if Cantor only made one trip to Ypsilanti and created two articles from one set of notes, he may have been "bought off" by some local group for his second installment. It wasn't the DTA. They're putting their money into billboards and caboose repair and brochures. Maybe the CBC paid him off. Or John Porter. He's shown a renewed interest in the area, lately.

INSURANCE WOES PLAGUE NEIGHBORHOOD

Whether you call it in-SURE-ance or IN-surance, it's a hot topic in Depot Town today.

Liquor liability insurance for the Heritage Jazz Competition beer tent in August was more than \$1000 for the three-day event. After paying out thousands for all those prizes and honoraria, even with beer at a buck-and-a-half a glass – DTA and WEMU split a whopping profit of \$40.

"Happy Hours" and "two-fers" are a thing of the past with the State dram shop law hiking liability costs higher than the customers. One patron sued a local tavern (they were third on his list of businesses which had served him) but he still comes in for an occasional beer. They serve him ONE and then cut him off!

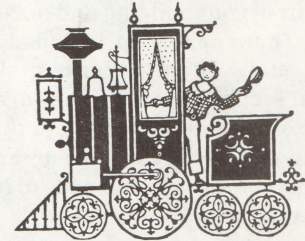
Several buildings in the block had adequate fire insurance but were dropped by their carriers as uninsurable this month. This is particularly ironic, since, after ten years of renovation and restoration, they are now completely up to City and MIOSHA codes and are in far better shape than when the companies first insured them.

Placing the City as "added insured" added \$210 to DTA's annual \$164 liability to cover accidents during neighborhood events. The Chamber of Commerce, too, is carried as "added insured" for DTA's Heritage Festival events at a greatly increased additional cost.

Liquor liability insurance costs for the Winter Jazz Series (previously \$350 a night) will not be known until thirty days before the first concert. Our agent guesses it will double, at very least.

Rather than sing "He ain't heavy, he's my neighbor", the Historic Depot town Foundation invites all who are affected by these issues to attend the November 7th and December 5th meetings in the Old Caboose to discuss approaches to suspected "red lining", the possibility of creating a neighborhood "mutual" company for its own protection and a possible liaison with the National Trust for Historic Preservation for insurance programs.

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TAKE A STEP BACK IN TIME

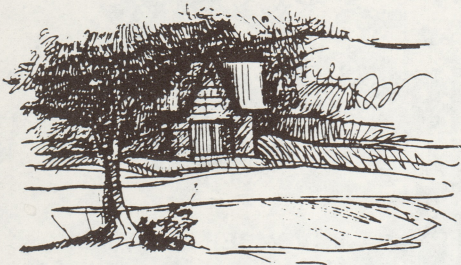
*Have an Old Fashioned Christmas
in Ypsilanti's Historic Depot Town*

- Window judging late Saturday, November 30. Leave your show window lights on. (See accompanying article for ideas on a contest where everybody wins.)
- Victorian Holiday Invitational Open Houses Sunday, December 1st. (First Sunday after Thanksgiving).
- A Holiday Kick-off for merchants, residents, neighbors, friends. Featuring OUR LADY'S MADRIGAL SINGERS from Holy Trinity Chapel, Aubree's Second Floor 6:00 P.M., Sunday, December 1st.
- Art Exhibitions
- Craft Displays
- Concerts
- Visit Santa in the Old Caboose

Start your holiday with a trip back in time to the days when small, home town merchants met you at the door and gave genuine, personal service – when family members could spread out far enough throughout the shopping district to guard their precious Christmas secrets and still reconvene at a neighborhood cafe to examine each other's mysterious packages and hint at untold surprises to come.

Stroll the safe, broad sidewalks and inspect the creative and thoughtful window displays reflecting a culture which respects craftsmanship, tradition and quality.

Welcome back to the good old days in Depot Town. Victorian Holiday Open House begins Sunday, December first and continues through the holidays.



NEWEL BLOCK RENEWED

The demolition of the metal garage at the rear of Sally and Rex Richie's "Newel Block" proved that expanded parking can be a reality in Depot Town – just knock down part of your building and make more room! Their next stop included a new interior stairway in a former elevator shaft, a second floor deck and a new, covered and lighted stairway to the rear. Long range plans see a solar greenhouse creating a south/back entrance to Miller's Ice Cream parlor.

The next building season will focus on replacing windows and painting the entire Gothic Revival commercial structure. Meanwhile, a third floor apartment is being renovated, but that's almost always the case in these old buildings: There's never any chance of boredom when there are so many fun things to do.

NOTHIN' BUT TRASH, HONEY!

More and more building owners have succumbed to the rising cost and inconvenience of contracted trash pick-ups by having their own steel dumpster fabricated and tied into the City's refuse collection schedule.

City services are capable of picking up and dumping those two and three-yard behemoths and, for many properties in Depot Town, it's the first time in recent history that the City has served their property with the weekly pick-ups. Even with this change, it's an expensive proposition when you have to have a steel dumpster custom built.

Why, in Ann Arbor, you could rent one of those containers as a studio apartment for up to \$500 a month. (unfurnished).

T.H.E. Market

"To your good health"
FOR YOUR
NUTRITIONAL NEEDS
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Depot Town Ypsilanti

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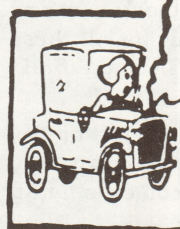
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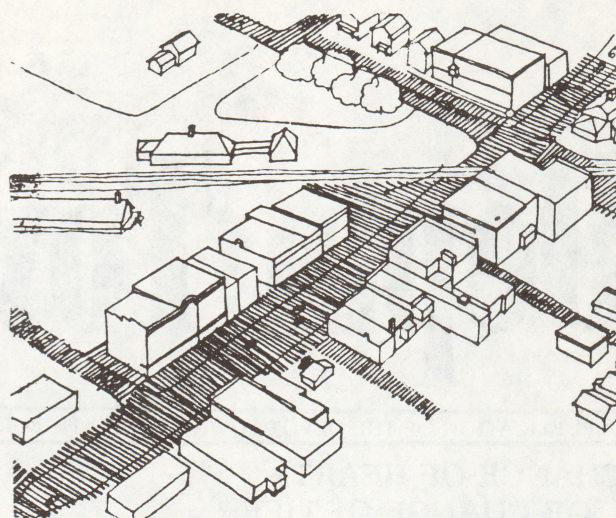
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3 VIEWS OF THE DEPOT TOWNSCAPE:

What does Depot Town look like? It all depends on your point of view.

1. *Aerial (bird's eye) View* – The 1976 Depot Town Plan contained this overview of the district with the railroad serving as the horizon/base and the streets seen diagonally. It provided a view in, around and behind the buildings – a very different kind of map of this old block.

2. *Straight Shot* – Zooming through from east or west affords a quick view of pedestrians, street furniture, shop windows and the "quaint, old buildings." Some will even slow down enough to look at the tops of these Italianate commercial structures. The newly published Depot Town brochure takes advantage of this technique.

3. *Cyloramic View* – Stand in one spot and turn around slowly, examining each item as it comes into view. Example: From the Farmers' Market Plaza:

- the Old Caboose
- Frog Island
- acres of parking
- gnarled tree
- railroad tracks
- Freight House
- MCRR depot
- Thompson Block
- Miller Motors
- Sidetrack
- Aubree's Second Floor
- Standard Printing
- Auction House fire escape
- Pedestrian Walkway
- Follett House porches
- Rice Street
- Heritage Square
- Grand Trunk, Ltd.
- the Old Caboose

Can you find the center of this cyclorama? How many other "cycloramas" of Depot Town can you describe from memory?

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Historic Depot Town
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197
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Jim MacDonald's Antiques Apple Annie's Vintage Clothing

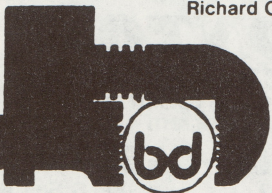
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What kind of space ?

Retail____Apartment____Service____

Studio____Office____Loft____

Other (describe) _____

Please explain your needs - number of
rooms, people, activity, etc.

Do you seek a lease -
or a month-to-month rental ____ ?

Your name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____

Business or employer: _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (if ok to call) _____

Deliver this inquiry to:
Historic Depot Town Foundation
The Caboose
400 Market Place
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
We will contact you in a few days.



ADVERTISING in The Depot Town Rag is available to business enterprises from the environs of Depot Town (only) at the rate of nine dollars per month. Changes in copy may be made each month if desired, with new copy due on the third Thursday at the Caboose. Camera ready art may be included and may take a few days longer to set up. 1500 copies are distributed, free, throughout the area, while most are picked up in the block. The back page (Ragtime) features additional copy related to Depot Town businesses whether they are paid advertisers, or not. The cost of printing THE RAG is entirely supported by our advertisers.

DEPOT TOWNS AROUND THE WORLD

Small town newspapers all across America publish pithy observations of the life of our times. Harry Golden has collected them throughout his career and we reprint several Depot Town-like impressions here:

● The bathtub was invented in 1850 and the telephone in 1875. This probably doesn't mean anything very special, but if you had been living back then, you could have sat in the bathtub for up to 25 years without hearing the telephone ring.

JOURNAL, Coffeville, Kan.

● A hamburger by any other name costs twice as much.

BEACON, Warwick, R.I.

● Your friends may lie to you, your mirror deceive you, but a flight of stairs will be brutally frank.

JOURNAL, Helper, Utah

● We never get tired walking to work, because we get a rest every block or so while explaining to some neighbor in his car that we're walking to work.

SILVER BELT, Miami, Ariz.

● Dogs are much like people. Usually only one is barking at anything in particular; the others are barking at him.

CALL LEADER, Elwood, Ind.

● A day can be brightened by seeing someone just a little plumper than you are.

DEMOCRAT - UNION, Lawrenceburg Tenn.

● In the good old days when you wanted a horse to stand still, you tied him to a hitching post. Today you bet on him.

SENTINEL, Bells, Tenn.

● A pedestrian is a person walking or lying in the street, whichever comes first.

HERALD, Danvers, Mass.

● It's confusing when you can't remember whether you were told to make the purchase from your favorite dealer, your neighborhood dealer or your friendly dealer.

TIMES, Cuthbert, Ga.

● A small town is where the telephone operator gives you the right number when you ask for the wrong one.

NEWS, Maumee, Ohio

● Here's a pretty reliable test: if it's hard to dust, it's probably an antique.

RIVER PRESS, Great Falls, Mont.

Sponsors may wish to list Holiday Specials or Greetings in the December RAG. Bring them to The Caboose by November 21st. . .and we'll add them to your ad copy or include them in the 'Ragtime' Section.

SIGNAGE PROPOSAL

For the last two months, the Historic Depot Town Foundation has been working on a plan to better identify the district through a comprehensive signage program with the City and the categories:

1. **DIRECTIONAL:** telling travelers how to find Depot Town from main intersections coming into the City, 2. **PERIMETER:** noting the entrances to the district, and 3. **HOME BASE:** identifying the fact that this is it - Depot Town!

The proposal to replicate the 1860's octagonal signal tower at the intersection of Cross, River and the tracks is also included in the plan, and is the lowest priority of the four portions of the plan.

DIRECTIONAL signs:

Lowell/Forest (left)
Forest/Rice (left, right)
Washtenaw/Hamilton (straight)
Washtenaw/Huron (left)
Huron/Michigan (left, right, straight)
Huron/Cross (right)
Prospect/Cross (left, right)
Michigan/River (left, right)

- for a total of thirteen signs at eight key locations. These would be designed and paid for by DTA, fabricated, placed and maintained by the City.

PERIMETER signs:

at the four entrances to the district, designed and paid for by DTA (up to \$500), painted by professional sign company, placed, maintained and landscaped by the City.

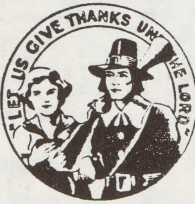
HOME-BASE sign:

a painted billboard on the West wall of the Follett House, designed, paid for (up to \$1000) by DTA, maintained by the Follett House, placed by professional sign company, okayed by the City.

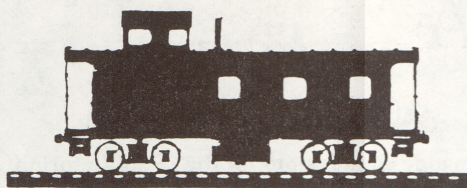
SIGNAL TOWER:

designed by DTA, paid 50/50 by DTA and City, built by private contractor, maintained by the City, land donated by the railroad.

Hansen's
STANDARD PRINTING



"Historic Depot Town"
483-0339



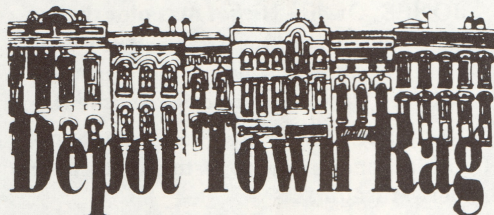
UGLY SIGNS ?

THE RAG certainly can't hope to develop a clientele of new advertisers when we start out by criticizing their signage in the block, but it may be helpful to recent weekend do-it-themselves to point out that any exterior sign designs must be approved by the City's Building Department (same kind of building permit) and, being in the Historic District, such design must fit the guidelines of the Commission, too.

They (and we) mostly want to ensure that the display is appropriate to the design of the building's facade and style. Window signs, however, are not covered by the ordinance.

If anyone needs help in making those presentations, simply stop by the Old Caboose on a Thursday evening and some of the old hands at renovation and preservation in Depot town will help you with letter style, color samples, models and /or proposals. In fact, they'll even go to the HDC meeting and help with your presentations. In recent times we have done just that for The Follett House, Vintage Passion's facade, Standard Printing, Pronto Pizza, the Newel Block and the Old Town Restaurant.

Such neighborly cooperation proves that you're not alone in this Depot Town venture.



THE DEPOT TOWN RAG:

A publication of the Depot Town Association, Inc., a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation dedicated to preserving the unique character of the neighborhood and to the enhancement of its business climate.

MEMBERSHIPS:

Associate	\$ 10
Regular	\$ 25
Sustaining	\$100

The Depot Town Association, Inc.
Gary McKeever, President
The Caboose, 400 Market Place
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198

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Minutes were approved. Treasurer's report showed \$7501.66 total; General - 4104.70, Rag - \$686.28, Jazz - \$1400, Special - \$1310.68.

Correspondence: WCA Anni's awards October 20, Engine exhibitors sent thanks, AATA proposes Holiday Ride scam.

RECYCLING PROJECT requested a letter of support for their grant solicitation. DTA will respond.

McAuley Health Center offers a speakers' bureau on health issues.

JAZZ: winter series tickets will be out soon. Costs are still not known for liquor liability. Should we underwrite a program guide page in WEMU's calendar? Underwrite a program? A proposal will be made in December.

RAG REPORT: All but one sponsor paid up. November issue previewed.

CASINO: Old printing debt paid. JayCees plan a Freight House Casino. DTA will help staff it. Bettie Dodd is now trained in cashiering.

VICTORIAN HOLIDAY, Sunday December 1st. DTA will pay Our Ladys Madrigal Singers \$150 for a performance after open houses upstairs at Aubree's for merchants, residents, neighbors, friends.

AATA Holiday Ride proposal: no deal.

EMU COLLEGE OF BUSINESS: Councilmember Greg Dodd reports, "Regents may still see City support as 'shaky'", solicits letters to editor.

TRIANGLE CONCEPT: Ypsilanti Futures' committee will promote Campus-Downtown-Depot Town "Triangle" marketing concept. Eric Ward will submit a report and logo for December.

SIGNAGE PROJECT: Foundation's project includes directional, perimeter, home-base and tower plans in proposal to City (see accompanying article).

MORE SIGNAGE: complaints and questions re: recent business projects. Bonni will check with Building Department and see if DTA can help. (See article).

INSURANCE: Mark Cotter reported no response from parent companies on liquor liability but predicts 100% minimum increase, suggests we investigate other methods of insuring Association.

BEST YET AWARD to Pronto Pizza for its neon display.

GOLDEN GOOSSES to fast pizza drivers and Box Elder bugs in district's display windows.

Adjourn: 9:00 P.M.

VICTORIAN HOLIDAY

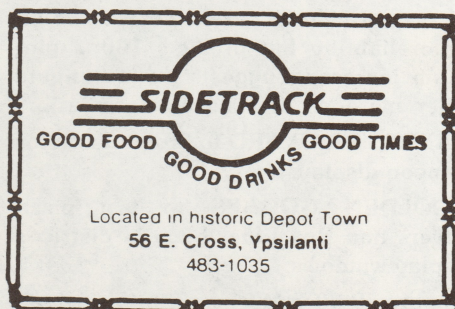
A month-long celebration of the Holidays of the Nineteenth Century will be marked by open houses on **SUNDAY DECEMBER 1st**. Activities will include Our Lady's Madrigal Singers, roasted chestnuts, traditional window displays, and Charles Dickens' characters mingling with the holiday shopping crowds. This is one of the loveliest and most appropriate celebrations in old Depot Town. Business should start to prepare their mailing lists to regular clientele as soon as possible.



"T'WAS THE MONTH BEFORE --

Some Victorian Holiday Window Display Ideas:

- Antique Greeting Cards
- Victorian Parlor Scenes
- Model Railroad Layouts
- Old Fashioned Christmas Trees
- Nineteenth Century Santa Claus
- Oil Lamps, Candles, Mirrors
- Moore's "Night Before Christmas"
- Lace, Doilies, Dresses
- Old Portraits and Frames
- Steamer Trunk full of Antique Toys
- Leaded and Stained Glass
- Quilts and Coverlets
- Fireplaces with Stockings Hung
- Currier and Ives Prints
- Sleds, sleighs, toboggans, skates, skis
- Dioramas of Victorian Towns, Houses
- Old Photos from the Historical Museum
- Packages wrapped in Victorian Paper
- Electric "candles" in upstairs windows
- Antique lamps can replace your usual night time window lighting for a most dramatic effect. Tiny white strings of lights add a subtle sparkle to the display. - Just keep it simple, old fashioned and softly lighted. Save the plastic blinking Rudolfs for the shopping centers.



A Thru Z A Victorian Who's Who

to aide your designs for the 1985 Victorian Holiday windows, ads and invitations:

ARROWSMITH, James - London interior decorator; his paper-hanging guidebook.

BARBER, Edwin Atlee - author of 15 books on American ceramics; Pottery & Porcelain of the U.S. (1893) still a standard work' first to give national recognition to Rookwood.

CALLINGHAM, James - London sign-painter.

DRESSER, Christopher - his studies of floral geometry shifted Victorian ornament away from Owen Jones historicism to abstractions direct for nature.

EASTLAKE, Charles Locke - looked after painting in London's National Gallery but best known for furniture studies; he compiled from original sources this magnum opus on the Gothic Revival.

FOWLER, Orson - leading Victorian practitioner of phrenology, a kind of "pop-scientific" personnel selection; best known for advocating eight-sided houses in his 1858 *A HOME FOR ALL*.

GREENAWAY, Kate - Aesthetic Movement illustrator, especially for children.

HOLLY, Henry Hudson - New York architect; pioneered the Queen Anne style in America.

IRVING, Washington - Hudson River writer; the first American author admired in Europe.

JONES, Owen - He got his color theory from Chevreul, but his 1856 *GRAMMAR OF ORNAMENT* was the primary source for Victorian historic ornament.

KENSINGTON - Aesthetic neighborhood in London; home of the Victoria & Albert Museum.

LINTON, William - London wood-engraver; emigrated to America where he became the dean of his profession and authored its standard history in 1882.



McHUGH, Joseph - a pioneer New York manufacturer of Arts & Crafts furniture in wood and wicker.

NOTMAN, John - Early Victorian, Philadelphia architect and landscape designer who brought from Britain the first examples of Italianate Revival.

OLMSTED, Frederick - greatest American, Victorian landscape architect; he designed New York City's Central park, Detroit's Belle Isle, Biltmore Gardens; his firm studied Ypsilanti but did not get the contract.

PRANG, Louis - left Germany after the failed 1848 Revolution and became America's best chromolithographer (a term he invented); also father of the American Christmas card and leader of the Art Education Movement.

QUEEN VICTORIA - her death in 1901 made it convenient to name most of the 19th century after her; Prince Albert, her husband, did more for art manufactures through his Crystal Palace Exhibition of 1851 which was imitated two years later in New York City.

ROYCROFT - brand name of Arts & Crafts merchandise sold by Elbert Hubbard, a gifted copy-writer and merchandiser based in East Aurora, New York.

SCOTT, Frank - Toledo-based author of the standard Late Victorian guidebook to domestic landscape gardening.

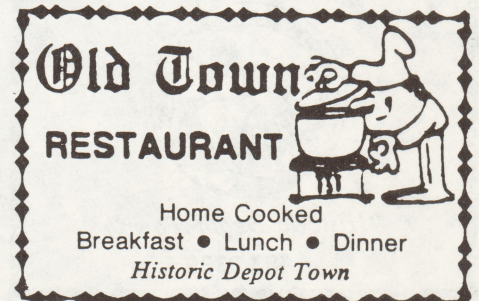
TUTHILL, William - New York architect and compiler of a Late Victorian book about INTERIORS AND INTERIOR DETAILS.

UNITED CRAFTS - early brand name of Gustav Stickley's CRAFTSMAN furniture reflecting the William Morris ideal.

VIOLLET-LE-DUC, Eugene - Paris architect and decorator; most famous French Gothic Revivalist; after 1840 primarily a restoration architect specializing in medieval buildings.

WOODWARD, George - successful High Victorian, New York architectural publisher.

X Y and Z - beautiful letters that can be found in the *PAGE WOOD TYPE BOOK* of 1888 and *Callingham's Sign-Painting Book*.



THE YPSI FOOD CO-OP presents "Cooking Encounters" Saturday, November 9 from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M. at the Co-op. This month features Native American cuisine. The Ypsilanti Food Co-op is located at 312 N. River in Depot Town. For more information, please call the Co-op at 483-1520.

Eggs Milk Grains Produce Nuts Dried Fruits
Pasta Breads Juices Goats Milk Tempeh
Herbs Canned Goods Teas Spices
Yogurt Tofu Beans



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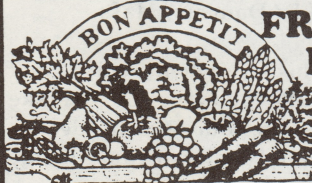
312 N. River 483-1520
Sun. 12 - 4 Mon. - Fri. 10 - 7 Sat. 9 - 6

THE YPSI FOOD CO-OP is gearing up for Thanksgiving. We are putting together a menu with lots of scrumptious alternatives to turkey and potatoes which will be published in the YPSILANTI PRESS and in our own newsletter, THE YPSI MIX. We will also get you an organic turkey (they are very flavorful, unlike the regular ones) if you want one. Turkeys will be sold to those who preorder, so remember to plan ahead.

The Co-op is also planning to devote the month of November to a Thanksgiving for all of the volunteers who make the co-op what it is. Many, many people contribute hours of work to the Co-op, but are seldom seen and receive less thanks than they deserve. To all of you who work "behind the scenes" at the Co-op, a hearty thank you!

THE YPSI FOOD CO-OP is continuing the Seniors' presentations at the Congress Park Recreation Center. The November topic will be "Calcium and Osteoporosis" - what is the relationship? Come and learn with us on November 12 at 11 A.M. Call 483-1420 for more information.

BON APPETIT FRESH IS BEST! TRY IT!



HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAARS

Saturday
November 16, 23, 30
8 A.M. - 3 P.M.
Crafts - Gifts - Decorations

RAGTIME

"VOLUNTEER HELP IS PRICELESS"

DOWN IN DEPOT TOWN



FLOWERS AT THE DEPOT

An old tradition in Ypsilanti - begun with the Michigan Central Railroad's annual competition among their station's gardens between Detroit and Chicago in the Nineteenth Century. Ypsilanti's spectacular High-Victorian depot was echoed by the grandeur of its surrounding gardens and was the most frequent winner.

General and Lady Demetrius Ypsilanti were much impressed by children bearing corsages as they stopped in Ypsilanti to see the town named after them.

A gigantic glass greenhouse extended from the far end of the depot - nearly to the corner of Norris and Oak streets where the Depot Florists held forth until moving to their present location on East Michigan Avenue.

That void was filled some years ago when Joe Wizauer's Hon's Flowers and Fancies moved from their next-to-the-campus location to Depot Town.

And the tradition continues.

Hon's
Flowers & Fancies



46 E. Cross • 482-2124
DEPOT TOWN, YPSILANTI

VICTORIAN HOLIDAY KICK-OFF
(after the open houses)
Sunday, December 1st.
Aubree's Second Floor
5 P.M. - open bar and kitchen
6 P.M. - Free Concert

MORE FROM MILLER'S:

Jacob Fussell, Jr. has been called the "father of the American Ice Cream industry." Mr. Fussell was a moderately successful Baltimore milk dealer but he had a problem finding an outlet for his surplus cream. The year was 1851. Casting about for a solution, he found the answer in the hand-cranked ice cream freezer which had been invented a few years earlier (1846) by a New Jersey woman named Nancy Johnson. So he was soon cranking out ice cream in quantity and pricing it at 25 cents a quart while the confectioners of the day who made ice cream in small batches were charging as much as 65 cents a quart. The demand for his ice cream became so great that he turned his entire plant over to its production, a conversion that made him America's first ice cream manufacturer wholesaler. His business prospered and in 1856 he opened a second plant in Washington D.C. Later he opened plants in Boston (1862) and New York (1864).

Pints Quarts Half Gallons Gallons

Miller's ICE CREAM

Malts Shakes Sodas Cones Sundaes

42 E. Cross • Ypsilanti, Michigan
485-7548

"Have Ice Cream the old fashioned way."
Sit down to the creamiest
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Mr. Fussell was also involved in the political issues of the day, was a close friend of Abraham Lincoln and become an outspoken leader in the Abolition movement. He worked with the underground railway and once narrowly escaped being lynched because of his fiery antislavery speeches. He was a delegate to the Republican convention that nominated Lincoln. A Quaker, Mr. Fussell was known as a charitable man and contributed a great portion of his fortune to the needy. He financed the building of Fussell Court, a housing project for newly freed slaves.

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